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RESPONSE

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2005, requiring election of claims within the present application. The Examiner set forth a restriction requirement between three separate inventions: Group I (claims 1-13) drawn to a method for producing meat products, Group II (claims 14-20) drawn to a marinade solution, and Group III (claims 21-22) drawn to a meat product.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II (claims 14-20) drawn to a marinade solution. This election is made without traverse.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005. No fee is believed necessary in connection with this response. However, should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 07-0900 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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